GUIDELINES FOR REVIEWING A CORE READING PROGRAM RUBRIC

Common Core State Standards Treasures Grade 5

Final Review

Directions for use:

- Thoroughly review the core reading program using the corresponding rubric.
- Only evaluate the individual components that correlate with the grade level to review. (Note the placement of the "x" within the grade level columns.)
- Each indicator must receive a score using the following criteria:
 - 2 Exceeds expectations
 - 1 Meets expectations
 - 0 Does not meet expectations

(For any indicator receiving a 0, comments must be provided justifying the score.)

Record the total score for each area in the final row for the section.



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	STRUCTIONAL ESIGN (ID)	K	1	2	3	4	5	6	Score	Comments (examples, strengths, concerns, questions)
1.	Is there empirical research on this program's efficacy?	х	х	х	Х	Х	Х	Х	2	A fifty-one page booklet on several studies conducted during the 2006-07 school year.
2.	Are resources available to help the teacher understand the rationale for the instructional approach and program strategies (e.g., articles, explanations in the teacher manuals, references, and reliable websites)?	х	х	х	х	X	X	X	1	
3.	Does the comprehensive program address the five components of reading (phonological/phonemic awareness, phonics, fluency, vocabulary and comprehension)?	х	х	х	х	X	х	X	1	
4.	In addition to the five components of reading, are other dimensions of reading such as spelling, writing, oral language, and listening comprehension addressed?	х	х	х	х	X	х	X	1	
5.	Is there a scope and sequence?	Х	Х	X	X	X	X	X	1	
6.	Are goals and objectives clearly stated?	Х	х	Х	Х	X	Х	X	1	
7.	Are student materials aligned with instructional objective of the lesson?	х	х	Х	Х	X	Х	X	1	
8.	Do instructional materials increase in difficulty as students' skills strengthen?	х	Х	х	Х	X	Х	X	1	
9.	Are all lessons and activities (e.g., whole group, small group, and centers) reading-related?	х	Х	х	Х	X	х	X	2	
10.	Is there a clear and logical organization to the lessons in:									
	the order and procedures of each day's lesson?	x	х	x	x	X	x	х	1	Publisher's Comment: In the Teacher's Edition, the order and procedure for each week of instruction is identified on the Suggested Lesson Plan pages. The lesson plan identifies five day instruction in the following categories: Oral Language, (including listening, speaking, and viewing) Word Study (including vocabulary, phonics, and spelling), Reading (including comprehension and fluency), Language Arts (including writing and grammar), and Assessment. A five-day lesson plan for differentiated instruction with small groups (including approaching, onlevel, and beyond level students, as well as EL learners) is also provided.

	the inclusion of all necessary materials?	Х	X	Х	Х	X	X	X	1	
	the consistency of each day's lesson format?	Х	х	х	х	х	х	Х	1	
	addressing the components of reading every day?	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	1	
11.	Is instruction consistently explicit? Is it concise, specific, and related to the objective?	х	х	х	х	х	х	х	1	
12.	Are teacher directives highly details to ensure accurate implementation?	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	1	
13.	Does the lesson format facilitate frequent interactions between teacher and students?	х	х	х	х	X	X	X	1	
14.	Is instruction consistently systematic? Is there a prescribed order for introducing specific skills within each component of reading?	х	х	Х	Х	Х	Х	X	1	
15.	Are there coordinated instructional sequences and instructional routines which include:									
	Modeling?	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Χ	1	
	Guided practice with feedback?	X	Х	X	X	X	X	X	1	
	Student practice and application?	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Χ	1	
	Cumulative review?	χ	Х	X	X	X	X	X	1	Difficult to find in the teacher's manuals, but available as PDFs on website.
16.	Are there many guided practice opportunities for explicit teaching and teacher-directed feedback (for typically progressing readers and more for struggling readers)?	х	х	х	х	х	х	x	1	
17.	Does the program provide clear guidance for the teacher to document student progress and inform instruction?	х	х	Х	Х	х	Х	Х	1	
18.	Does instruction make a clear connection <i>among</i> all five components?	х	Х	х	х	х	Х	Х	1	
19.	Is scaffolding a prominent part of the lessons?	Х	х	х	х	X	X	X	1	
20.	Are instructions for scaffolding specific within each lesson?	Х	х	х	х	Х	х	Х	1	
21.	Are teachers encouraged to give	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	X	1	

immediate, specific feedback									
(corrective or positive)?									
22. Is differentiated instruction prominent?	Х	X	Х	Х	Х	X	X	1	
23. Is instruction differentiated based on assessment?	Х	X	Х	Х	Х	х	Х	1	
23. Are directions for differentiating instruction specific?	X	X	Х	Х	Х	х	X	1	
24. Is small-group instruction (small teacher-pupil ratio) part of daily instruction?	х	Х	Х	Х	Х	х	х	1	
25. Are there guidelines for forming flexible groups based on student progress?	х	Х	х	х	х	х	х	0	There are many resources for leveled instruction, and picture mentions of the assessment pieces, but no connections of assessments to flexible grouping explained in Teacher's Guide.
Are enrichment activities included for advanced students?	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	х	Х	1	
27. Does the program provide instruction for English Learners?	χ	X	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	2	
28. Does the program specify for whom it is appropriate (e.g., students on or above grade level, students slightly behind their peers, students more than one grade level behind their peers)?	х	х	х	х	х	х	х	1	
29. Does the program specify who should provide instruction for accurate implementation (e.g., special education teacher, general education teacher, paraprofessional, or volunteer)?	х	x	х	х	х	х	х	1	Publisher's Comment: The program is intended for the classroom teacher. The label of Teacher's Edition is meant to indicate that use. Due to the various ways in which school districts and individual schools identify classroom teachers, the school would determine who will receive and use program components.
30. Does the program specify the instructional setting (e.g., general education classroom, computer lab, or resource room)?	Х	X	х	х	х	х	х	1	
TOTAL								39	

PI	HONICS (P)	K	1	2	3	4	5	6	Score	Comments (examples, strengths, concerns, questions)
1.	Is phonics instruction explicit?	х	Х	Х	Х	X	Х	Х	1	Each weekly plan contains a phonics lesson. Also embedded within the spelling unit.
2.	Is phonics instruction systematic?	χ	X	X	X	X	X	X	1	
3.	Does phonics instruction include coordinated instructional sequences and routines ?	Х	X	X	X	X	Х	Х	1	
4.	Is phonics instruction scaffolded?	х	Х	Х	X	X	X	Х	1	
5.	Does phonics instruction include cumulative review?	x	х	х	X	Х	х	х	1	Publisher's Comment: In the Teacher's Edition, the Phonics Maintenance section of the Approaching Level Small Group lessons includes a cumulative review of previously taught phonics skills. In the Teacher's Edition, phonics and spelling are taught in tandem. Therefore, the spelling lessons for each week include a cumulative review of previously taught phonics elements. The decodable passages in the Teacher's Resource Book provide opportunities for a cumulative review of previously taught phonics elements.
6.	Are assessments included to measure and monitor progress in phonics?	х	х	х	X	X	Х	Х	1	
7.	Are symbol to sound (decoding) and sound to symbol (spelling) taught explicitly?	Х	Х	Х	Х	X	х	Х	1	
8.	Is spelling taught during word learning so students can understand how sounds map onto print?	х	х	х	х	х	х	х	1	
9.	Does instruction progress from simple to more complex concepts (e.g., CVC words before CCCVCC words and single syllable words before multisyllabic words)?	х	х	х	х	х	х	х	1	
10.	Are reviews of previously taught concepts and words frequent and cumulative?	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	1	Publisher's Comment: In the Teacher's Edition, the Phonics Maintenance section of the Approaching Level Small Group lessons includes a cumulative review of previously taught phonics skills. In the Teacher's Edition, phonics and spelling are taught in tandem. Therefore, the spelling lessons for each week include a cumulative review of

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11. Is emphasis placed on fluency practice phonics component (e.g., sound ide CVC blending, word recognition, mu words, and text reading)?	ntification,	x	х	х	х	х	х	1	previously taught phonics elements.
Are students taught the strategy of when trying to decode multisyllabic		х	Х	Х	Х	х	Х	1	
Does the program provide teacher rethink-aloud strategy to aid in multisy analysis?		х	х	Х	х	Х	х	1	
Are students taught strategies to reamultisyllabic words by using prefixed and known word parts?		х	х	Х	х	х	х	1	
15. Is instruction explicit in the use of sy (e.g., open, closed, vowel-consonar combinations, r-controlled, and cons	nt-e, vowel	х	х	х	х	х	х	1	
16. Is a section of the program devoted phonics (structural analysis) skills?	to advances		Х	Х	Х	х	Х	1	
Are advanced phonics skills taught first in isolation and then in words a connected texts?			х	Х	х	х	х	1	
Does the program include spelling s (e.g., word sorts, categorization action building activities, and word analogical sortions).	vities, word-	х	х	х	х	Х	х	1	
Is instruction in the meaning of roots explicit and do students analyze the of spelling to meaning of complex w	relationship			х	х	х	х	1	
20. Are word parts that occur with high (e.g., un-, re-, in-, and –ful) taught re those that occur only in a few words	ather than	х	х	х	х	х	х	1	
21. Are there activities for distinguishing interpreting words with multiple mea		Х	х	х	Х	х	х	1	
Once advanced phonics strategies mastered, are they immediately appreading and interpreting familiar and connected texts?	lied to	х	х	х	х	х	х	1	
23. Are words used in advanced phonic also found in student texts?	s activities	Х	х	Х	Х	х	Х	1	
TOTAL							-	23	

FL	UENCY (F)	K	1	2	3	4	5	6	Score	Comments (examples, strengths, concerns, questions)
1.	Is fluency instruction explicit?	х	Х	Х	Х	Х	X	X	1	
2.	Is fluency instruction systematic?	Χ	X	X	X	X	X	X	1	
3.	Does fluency instruction include coordinated instructional sequences and routines?	х	Х	Х	Х	Х	X	X	1	
4.	Is fluency instruction scaffolded?	Х	X	X	X	X	X	X	1	
5.	Does fluency instruction include cumulative review ?	Х	Х	Х	Х	X	Х	X	1	Seems like review of the weekly skill focus, but not always cumulative.
6.	Are assessments included to measure and monitor progress in fluency?	Х	Х	X	Х	χ	Х	X	1	
7.	Does the program address all dimensions of fluency (speed, accuracy, and prosody)?	Х	X	X	X	X	X	X	1	
8.	Does the program encourage the teacher to model speed, accuracy, and prosody?	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	X	1	
9.	Does fluency practice during letter-sound study and text reading involve the teacher's providing feedback to students?	х	Х	Х	Х	х	Х	Х	1	
10.	Is fluency instruction integrated into each day's lesson?	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	1	
11.	Is the decoding strategy taught so that it becomes automatic?	Х	X	X	Х	X	X	X	1	
12.	Are irregular words taught to be recognized automatically?	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	1	
13.	Is there an emphasis on reading multisyllabic words fluently?		X	X	Х	X	X	X	1	
14.	Are research-based fluency strategies (e.g., timed readings, peer reading, and repeated readings) included?		х	х	х	Х	х	X	1	
15.	Is fluency practice introduced after students are proficient at reading words accurately (e.g., in lists, sentences, and passages)?		х	Х	х	х	Х	X	1	
16.	Does fluency practice involve decodable texts (texts that include phonic elements and word types students have previously been taught)?		Х	Х	Х	х	Х	Х	1	
17.	Are both narrative and expository texts provided for students to read aloud?		Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	1	
18.	Are teacher prompts included to encourage students to read aloud in order to determine skills application and accuracy?		х	х	х	х	х	Х	1	

19.	After error correction, are students asked to reread the word, word list, or sentence correctly and then to reread it from the beginning?	х	х	х	х	х	х	X	1	Publisher's Comment: After error correction, students are asked to reread materials again correctly. For the most part this directive is implied rather than explicitly stated in the instruction.
20.	Are students given ample practice opportunities to use text at their independent or instructional level to help build fluency?		X	X	X	X	Х	X	1	
21.	Is the number of texts at each level sufficient to provide adequate practice opportunities?		X	X	X	X	Х	X	1	
22.	Does the program clearly show the teacher how to determine independent, instructional, and frustrational reading levels for individual students?		x	X	X	X	x	x	1	Publisher's Comment: At the conclusion of Start Smart in Unit 1 of the Teacher's Edition, it is recommended that the teacher assess each student's oral reading fluency in order to establish a baseline. To assess student skills and determine grouping placement, the Diagnostic Assessment can be used.
23.	Is there a guide to help teachers calculate fluency rate?		X	X	Х	Х	Х	Х	1	
24.	Do students have opportunities to time themselves and graph results after rereading the same text?			х	х	x	х	х	1	Publisher's Comment: Students time themselves during their fluency lesson using a fluency passage from the Practice Book or Reproducible at their level. They record the results—words correct per minute—on a chart at the bottom of the page. In the Teacher's Edition in the weekly Small Group Focus on Fluency section in Leveled Reader lesson, students do a final timed reading of a passage they have been practicing. The teacher helps students record and graph their results.
25.	Are there directions for how to pair students for partner reading?		X	X	Х	х	х	Х	1	Publisher's Comment: Directions for flexible grouping are found in Managing Small Groups: A How-to Guide.
26.	Are students taught a specific error correction to use when reading with a partner?		X	X	X	X	х	X	1	Publisher's Comment: While reading with partners, students are encouraged to provide feedback. This feedback should focus on the fluency skills for the week, as well as those skills previously taught.
27.	Is there continuous progress monitoring of oral reading fluency?		Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	1	

28. Is an end-of-the-year fluency goal of correct words per minute given for each grade?	Х	X	Х	Х	Х	Х	1	
TOTAL							28	Hopefully more specifics are found in the Diagnostic Assessment booklet (which reviewers did not receive).

V	DCABULARY (V)	K	1	2	3	4	5	6	Score	Comments (examples, strengths, concerns, questions)
1.	Is vocabulary instruction explicit ?	Х	Х	Χ	X	X	X	X	2	
2.	Is vocabulary instruction systematic?	χ	Х	Х	Х	Х	Χ	X	1	
3.	Does vocabulary instruction include coordinated instructional sequences and routines?	х	Х	х	Х	Х	X	Х	1	
4.	Is vocabulary instruction scaffolded?	Х	Х	χ	Χ	X	X	X	1	
5.	Does vocabulary instruction include cumulative review?	х	х	х	х	х	X	х	1	Publisher's Comment: Opportunities for cumulative review of previously taught vocabulary are provided in Approaching-Level Small Group Lessons.
6.	Are assessments included to measure and monitor progress in vocabulary ?	Х	Х	Х	X	Х	X	X	1	
7.	Is emphasis placed on listening and speaking vocabulary?	Х	Х	Х	Х	х	Х	Х	1	
8.	Is there emphasis on reading and writing vocabulary?	Х	Х	х	Х	х	Х	Х	1	
9.	Are students exposed to diverse vocabulary through listening to or reading narrative and expository texts?	х	Х	х	X	Х	х	Х	1	
10.	Does the program include frequent use of teacher read-alouds using higher level books with explanation and instruction of key vocabulary?	х	х	х	X	х	X	Х	1	<u>Publisher's Comment</u> : Teacher Read- Alouds include excerpts of higher level trade books and variety of genres.
11.	Does the program include a variety of texts that allow students ample opportunities to engage in wide reading at their independent levels?		χ	х	X	Х	X	X	1	
12.	Does vocabulary instruction occur before, during, and after reading?	Х	Х	Х	Χ	х	Х	Х	1	
13.	Are a limited number of words selected for robust, explicit vocabulary instruction?	X	Х	X	X	х	X	Х	1	
14.	Are important, useful, and difficult words	χ	Х	Х	Х	Х	Χ	X	1	

	110									
	taught?									
15.	Does the instructional routine for vocabulary include:									
	Introducing the word?	X	X	X	X	Х	X	X	1	
	Presenting a student-friendly explanation?	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	1	
	Clarifying the word with examples?	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	1	
	Checking students' understanding?	X	X	X	X	X	X	Х	1	
16.	Are ample opportunities provided to engage in oral vocabulary activities that:									
	Repeat exposure to words in rich and multiple contexts?	X	X	X	X	X	X	Х	1	
	Use everyday language to explain word meanings?	X	X	X	X	X	X	Х	1	
	Connect word meanings to prior knowledge?	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	1	
17.	Are students given multiple opportunities to use new words in reading sentences, paragraphs, or longer texts?	X	X	х	X	Х	X	X	1	
18.	Is extended instruction provided in multiple contexts to promote word awareness using word banks, vocabulary logs, writing, semantic maps, concept definition mapping, and word classification?	X	X	X	X	х	X	X	1	
19.	Are strategies taught over time to ensure understanding and correct application?	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	1	
20.	Are meanings of prefixes, roots, and suffixes taught before connecting them to words?		X	X	X	X	X	X	1	
21.	Is a strategy to determine word meanings based on meanings of prefixes, roots, and suffixes taught?		X	X	X	X	X	X	1	
22.	Are various aspects of word study included (either under vocabulary or word recognition) such as:									
	Concepts of word meaning?	X	X	X	X	χ	X	X	1	
	Multiple meanings?	Χ	X	X	X	Х	X	X	1	
	Synonyms?	Х	X	X	X	Х	X	Х	1	
	Antonyms?	X	X	X	X	Х	X	Х	1	
	Homonyms?		X	X	X	Х	X	X	1	
	Figurative meanings?		X	X	X	Х	X	Х	1	
	Morphemic analysis?			Х	X	Х	X	X	1	

Etymologies?				Х	Х	Х	X	1	
23. Is dictionary use explicitly taught using grade-appropriate dictionaries?		x	х	x	х	x	X	1	Publisher's Comment: Instruction on dictionary use is included in both the Student Edition and Teacher's Edition. It is implied that the type of dictionary used in the classroom would be grade 5 appropriate and accessible. The definitions that appear in the grade 5 Student Edition glossary are gradelevel appropriate.
24. Is the use of context to gain the meaning of ar unfamiliar word kept to a minimum?	x	Х	Х	Х	Х	X	X	1	
25. Is computer technology used to help teach vocabulary?	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	х	Х	0	Publisher's Comment: Computer technology is used to help with vocabulary instruction
TOTAL								37	

C	OMPREHENSION (C)	K	1	2	3	4	5	6	Score	Comments (examples, strengths, concerns, questions)
1.	Is comprehension instruction explicit?	х	X	Х	Χ	Х	Х	Х	1	
2.	Is comprehension instruction systematic?	Х	Х	Х	χ	Х	Х	χ	1	
3.	Does comprehension instruction include coordinated instructional sequences and routines?	х	х	Х	х	х	х	х	1	
4.	Is comprehension instruction scaffolded?	Х	Х	Х	χ	Х	Х	χ	1	
5.	Does comprehension instruction include cumulative review?	х	х	х	х	х	х	х	1	Publisher's Comment: The Student Edition and Teacher's Edition provide opportunities for ongoing, weekly instruction and review of gradeappropriate comprehension skills and strategies.
6.	Are assessments included to measure and monitor progress in comprehension?	х	х	Х	х	х	х	х	1	
7.	Is learning to determine which strategy to use and why (metacognition) part of instruction?	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	1	
8.	When a strategy is taught, is it applied frequently so students understand its usefulness?	Х	х	Х	Х	Х	Х	х	1	
9.	Are students asked to apply previously learned strategies to new texts?		х	х	Х	х	х	Х	1	

10. Is appropriate text provided for students to practice applying strategies? 11. Does program instruction enable students to establish and adjust purposes for reading (e.g., reading to understand, interpret, inform, to enjoy, and to solve problems)? 12. Does instruction support the use of multiple, coordinated comprehension strategies? 13. Are guided and supported cooperative learning groups suggested as an instructional technique? 14. Does instruction begin with the use of short passages? 15. Does instruction begin with the use of short passages? 16. Does instruction begin with the use of short passages? 17. Are models of effective questioning techniques (e.g., Bloom's taxonomy) provided to guide and monitor students courselementon? 18. Are there ample opportunities for students to listen to narrative and expository text? 19. Is instruction in narrative and expository texts at independent and innovations students comprehension? 20. Are there ample opportunities for students to read anarative and expository texts at independent and instructional levels? 21. Is there a variety of narrative and expository texts at independent and instructional levels? 22. Do texts contain useful and familiar concepts and vocabulary? 23. Are there instructional routines for such ensures and vocabulary? 24. Is the "main idea" strategy student systems of the main idea" in early support familiars. Are useful familiar concepts and vocabulary? 25. Once students have grasped the concept of main idea", are more complex texts useful read narrative and expository student systems inclined, are more complex texts used in which the main idea" is are useful familiar concepts and which the main idea" is are useful familiar concepts and which the main idea" is are useful familiar concepts and which the main idea" is are useful familiar concepts and which the main idea" is are useful familiar concepts and which the main idea" is are useful familiar.											
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characters, important events, etc.) taught and used for retelling a story?									
27. Does instruction focus on discussion story grammar and comparing stories?	Х	X	X	X	X	X	χ	1	
28. Is story grammar introduced systematically, beginning with simple text that gradually becomes more complex?	Х	X	х	X	χ	χ	X	1	
29. Are students taught to use graphic organizers to illustrate relationships among concepts in text (e.g., story maps, Venn diagrams, and semantic maps)?	х	X	X	X	X	X	X	1	
30. Are conventions of expository text (e.g., chapter headings, charts, and graphs) taught?		Х	Х	X	Х	Х	Х	1	
31. Are explicit strategies for interpreting information from charts, graphs, tables, and diagrams taught?	х	Х	Х	х	Х	Х	х	1	
32. After instruction, is there systematic review of:									
Literal comprehension?	Х	Х	Х	χ	Х	Х	Х	1	
Retelling?	Х	Х	Х	χ	Х	Х	χ	1	
Main idea?	Х	Х	Х	χ	Х	Х	χ	1	
Summarization?	Х	Х	Х	χ	Х	Х	χ	1	
33. Does the program provide instruction for students to become self-directed in using comprehension strategies (e.g., rereading, paraphrasing, making explicit connections from text to prior knowledge, underlining and notetaking, and visualizing relationships and events in the text)?		х	х	X	х	х	х	1	
TOTAL								36	

STANDARDS ALIGNMENT	K	1	2	3	4	5	6	Score	Comments (examples, strengths, concerns, questions)
Is clear alignment provided to the Common Core State Standards?	x	x	x	x	X	x	x	2	Additional packet included of colored cards for each story and the alignment of the focus comprehension skill, vocabulary, phonics, and additional CCSS taught. Also, a 152 page correlation to CCSS for grades K-6 and Teacher's Edition page references.
Is clear alignment provided to the Indiana Academic Standards?			х	Х	Х	х	Х	1	Additional 15 page packet with Indiana standards' numbers and Teacher's

					Edition page references.
TOTAL				3	

	OTIVATION AND NGAGEMENT (M&E)	K	1	2	3	4	5	6	Score	Comments (examples, strengths, concerns, questions)
	es the program direct the teacher in ways to ease student motivation such as:									
1.	Making reading relevant to students' lives?	Х	Х	Х	Χ	Х	Х	Χ	1	
2.	Providing meaningful goals for learning from texts?	х	Х	х	х	х	х	х	0	No goals found, however there is a "Read to Find Out" at the beginning of each main story selection.
3.	Making available a variety of choices (e.g., texts and assignments) that align with instruction?	Х	χ	X	X	х	X	X	1	
4.	Providing opportunities for students to work collaboratively?	Х	Х	X	X	Х	X	X	1	
	TOTAL								3	

AS	SSESSMENT (A)	K	1	2	3	4	5	6	Score	Comments (examples, strengths, concerns, questions)
1.	Are assessments included that teachers can use to guide student movement through the program (e.g., screening, progress monitoring, diagnostic, and outcome measures)?	Х	Х	Х	Х	х	х	х	1	
2.	Does the program provide teacher guidance in using assessment results to differentiate instruction?	х	Х	х	Х	х	х	Х	1	
3.	Do the assessments identify students who are at risk or already experiencing difficulty learning to read?	х	Х	х	Х	Х	х	х	1	
	TOTAL								3	

	ROFESSIONAL EVELOPMENT (PD)	K	1	2	3	4	5	6	Score	Comments (examples, strengths, concerns, questions)
1.	Is adequate time offered for teachers to learn new concepts and practice what they have learned?	X	X	X	x	x	X	х	1	Publisher's Comment: Professional Development is planned upon adoption with each district providing the support needed for successful implementation. Districts have input into the length of training and the specific training provided.
2.	Is there a plan for coaches, mentors, peers, or outside experts to provide feedback to teachers and follow-up assistance as they put new concepts into practice?	х	х	х	х	х	х	х	0	Not able to find anything mentioned about this.
3.	Are teachers taught how to administer and interpret assessments that accompany the program?	X	X	х	Х	Х	Х	х	0	Assessments only listed as "options" in PD information.
4.	Is program PD customized to meet participants' varying needs (e.g., first-year teachers, coaches, and principals)?	Х	X	х	Х	Х	Х	х	1	
5.	Does the PD provide support (e.g., principal checklists, follow-up, in-class modeling, and a CD for viewing model lessons) to facilitate application of content?	х	X	х	х	х	х	х	1	On the one-page PD Statement page, it appears training can be through webinars and on line, but nothing mentioned about checklists, modeling or a CD.
	TOTAL								3	